THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (e) A letter was received from a Member of Parliament in April, 1993 regarding transfer of one Assistant Manager (Security) of State Bank of India from Hoshiarpur to Amritsar within a short span of one year. State Bank of India in this regard has reported that following a review of the law and order situation in Punjab, Hoshiarpur as a centre for Security Officers' Headquarters was abolished which necessitated the transfers of the concerned officer. State Bank of India has stated that transfers are made within the Bank on administrative grounds and has denied the allegation of any harassment meted out to any ex-servicemen serving as security officers.

Bifurcation of UTI

124. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to split the Unit Trust of India (UTI) into two organisations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of Government's policy towards UTI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government's policy is to bring the Mutual Fund activities of UTI under the regulatory framework of Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Malpractice Among I.T. Staff

125. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a growing number of complaints of corruption against the Income-tax staff;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints during the last three years;

(c) whether such complaints were investigated by vigilance department of Income-Tax or Vigilance Directorate if so, the number of cases investigated and the action taken against the employees during the last three years;

(d) whether Government proposes to change the structure of Income-Tax department; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The complaints received by the Directorate of Income-tax (Vigilance) against Group 'A' and 'B' Officers in the Income-tax Department in the last three years are given below:—

1990-91	— 549
1991-92	— 465
1992-93	— 576

(c) Many of the complaints are anonymous or pseudonymous, and are not pursued. The details of cases investigated and regular departmental action initiated against Group 'A' and 'B' Officers

in the last three years are given below:—

Year	Number of cases Investigated	No. of cases in which Regular Departmental Action Initiated
1990-91	162	70
1991-92	190	45
1992-93	180	66

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Steps to avoid delays in Banks

126. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that avoidable delays and malpractices indulged in by the nationalised banks in their dealings with the exporters are resulting in a loss of Rs. 100 crores foreign exchange every year as per the newsitem entitled *Hindustan Times* dated the 5-6-1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective steps Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Exporters Association had represented to Government in May, 1993 regarding their operational problems with banks. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have also considered these problems in their Standing Committee on Export Finance in July, 1993. On receipt of specific complaints, the concerned banks will take remedial measures.

Factors responsible for smuggling of contraband items into the country

127. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs Intelligence and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had taken up an exercise to identify the nexus between the police, coast guards, the departmental officials and the landing agents engaged in the smuggling of the contraband goods into the country;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against those found engaged in such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Borrowing Funds from Abroad

128. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to borrow funds internationally at 10 per cent in dollar terms on foreign investment in power sector;